Deployment of Shift Clerks hi the Ground Support Department of Air India

1461. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD; Will r the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of shift clerks is being taken from Loaders|Handimen for the last three years in the Ground Support Department of Air-India in Delhi;

(b) if so. what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the persons already on the panel for clerks have not been entrusted with the above work; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action Government have taken or propose to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER); (a) and (b) Two shift clerks on permanent basis and two on temporary basis are working in the Ground Support Department of Air-India in Delhi. The loaders requested for an opportunity to temporarily work in the office to gain experience. This request was agreed to.

(c) and (d) Due to the ban on recruitment only most essential appointments are being made on a permanent basis.

Viral diseases in Delhi

1462. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an alarming increase in the current year in Delhi in the cases of viral diseases; if so, the number of cases detected so far in the current year, 'disease-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to check the recurrence of such diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) According to available information, 3,918 cases and 156 deaths due to viral diseases have been reported from Delhi from January, 1986 to April|May, 1986 against, 16,740 cases anj 757 deaths reported during 1985 as per details given below;

	1985		1986	
	Cases	Death	Cases	Death
1 Viral Hepatitis	6619	201	1169	46
2 Viral Encephalitis	930	295	181	95
3 Dengue fever	909	Nil	100	Nil
4 Chickenpox	1624	7	355	..
5 Measles.	4648	146	1644	59
6 Poliomyelitis	2010	108	469	15

Adequate stocks of drugs are available to treat such cases.